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Draft report

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Chapter __
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Science and Technology for Development held its seventeenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12-16 May 2014. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ____).

2. The session was opened by the Chair, Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States of America), who also made a statement.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 12 May, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an opening statement.

4. At the same meeting, the following speakers addressed the Commission: Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Professor Rolf-Dieter Heuer, Director-General of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN); Mr. Getachew Engida, Deputy Director-General, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and Her Excellency Amina Mohammed, Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning (via video message).

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Ministerial round table
"Review of progress made in the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes"

5. At the 1st meeting, on 12 May, the Commission held a ministerial round table on the topic "Review of progress made in the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes", moderated by the Chair (United States of America), in which the following participants took part: His Excellency Tawfik Jelassi, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Information and Communications Technology of Tunisia; His Excellency Selibe Mochoboroane, Minister of Communications, Science and Technology of Lesotho; His Excellency Minendra Prasad Rijal, Minister of Information and Communications of Nepal; Her Excellency Omobola Johnson, The Supervising Honourable Minister of Science and Technology of Nigeria; His Excellency Louis Napoleon Casambre, Under-Secretary, Department of Science and Technology of the Philippines; and His Excellency Christopher Ndlangamandla, Minister of Information, Communications and Technology of Swaziland. At the same meeting, the representatives of Rwanda and Cuba also took part in the interactive discussion. At the 2nd meeting, on 12 May, statements were also made by Her Excellency Olivia Muchena, Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of Zimbabwe. At the same meeting, the representatives of India, Sweden and Saudi Arabia also made statements. Also at the same meeting, statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

Ministerial round table
"Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda"

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 12 May, the Commission held a ministerial round table on the topic "Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda", moderated by the Chair (United States of America), in which the following participants took part: His Excellency Wu Hailong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Vice-Minister, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva; His Excellency Gnissa Isaie Konate, Minister of Scientific Research and Innovation of Burkina Faso; Her Excellency Ligia Amada Melo de Cardona, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Dominican Republic; His Excellency Phillip Paulwell, Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining of Jamaica; Her Excellency Maria Candida Pereira Teixeira, Minister of Science and Technology of Angola; Her Excellency Omobola Johnson, The Supervising Honourable Minister of Science and Technology of Nigeria; His Excellency Hilal Ali Al Hinai, Secretary-General of The Research Council of Oman; His Excellency Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Technology and Research of Sri Lanka; Her Excellency Sumaya abu Kashawa, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Sudan; His Excellency Pichet Durongkaveroj, Secretary-General, National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office of Thailand; His Excellency E. William Colglazier, Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State of the United States; Her Excellency Olivia Muchena, Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology of Zimbabwe; His Excellency Bruno Jean Richard Itoua, Minister of Scientific Research and Technological Innovation of Congo; His Excellency Mario G. Montejo, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology of the Philippines; and His Excellency Alexander Mora, Minister of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica.

7. An interactive dialogue ensued with the delegations of Rwanda and Saudi Arabia.

B. Attendance

8. The session was attended by representatives of 42 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and representatives of civil society and business entities also attended. The list of participants for the session is contained in document E/CN.16/2014/INF/___.

C. Election of officers

9. At the 7th meeting of its sixteenth session, on 7 June 2013, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau of its seventeenth session by acclamation.

Chair:

Andrew Reynolds (United States of America)

*Vice-*Chairs*:*

Jean-Pierre Biyiti bi Essam (Cameroon)

Majed Almazyed (Saudi Arabia),

Alexander Mora (Costa Rica)

Peter Major (Hungary)

10. At its 4th meeting, on 13 May, the Commission appointed Mr. Majed Almazyed (Saudi Arabia) to serve, in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, as Rapporteur of the seventeenth session of the Commission.

D. Agenda and organization of work

11. At its 1st meeting, on 12 May, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.16/2014/1, as orally corrected. The agenda read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels
3. Science and technology for development

Priority themes:

(a) Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda

(i) Taking stock: A decade of contributions of the Commission Science and Technology for Development to the Millennium development Goals

(ii) Looking forward: Science, technology and innovation prospects for the post-2015 development agenda

(b) Information and communications technologies for inclusive social and economic development

4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the eighteenth session of the Commission

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the eighteenth session of the Commission

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventeenth session

12. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the proposed organization of work, contained in an informal paper circulated in English only.

13. Also at the same meeting, the Commission appointed Dr. William Colglazier (United States) to facilitate the draft resolution on "Science, technology and innovation for development" and Mr. Peter Major (Hungary) to facilitate the draft resolution on "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society".